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Arcanum Centennial 1849-1949

Arcanum (Darke Co.), Ohio

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ARCANUM CENTENNIAL 1849-1949

ARCANUM (DARKE CO) OHIO

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Souvenir Program

ARGANUM

Centennial

CELEBRATION!

Ivester Park

Sunday, Monday and Tuesday

JULY 2, 3, 4, 1950

Postponed from August, 1949 because of the Polio Epidemic in the County.

PRICE TWENTY-FIVE CENTS

The Arcanum National Bank

OPENED FOR BUSINESS JUNE 18,1934

With Total Capital And Surplus	Of	$ 60,000.00
Total Deposits	Of	$ 87,902.64
Total Liabilities		$147,902.64

STATEMENT OF APRIL 19, 1950 (Date Of Last Call)

Total Capital, Surplus, And Undivided Profits	$ 162,495.74
Total Deposits	$2,035,194.10
Total Liabilities	$2,197,689.84

DIRECTORS

Ward H. Stutz
Archie J. Hanes
Ralph Myers
Harold Rosser
H. K. Smith

OFFICERS

Ward H. Stutz, Pres.
Archie J. Hanes, Vice Pres.
S. C. Gnagey, Cashier
Lowell Fowble, Ass't. Cashier
Norma A. Shively, Teller
Treva Morris, Teller

A Good Growing Bank
Offers Complete Banking Service
To A Good Growing Community

Member of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

Pictured above is Arcanum's water tower in which is stored the reserve water supply for the village. It has a capacity of 150,000 gallons. The summer-month consumption of Arcanum water users is 180,000 gallons and one pump at the pump house is able to deliver 100 gallons a minute directly into the mains. The tower and tank were given a new coat of paint during June, 1950.

The Birth of Arcanum and How the Village Was Named

According to reports, it seems very likely that the village of Arcanum owes its existance to the building of the Dayton and Union railroad, then called the Greenville and Miami.

C. C. Pomeroy, the civil engineer, who laid the town out, has written an interesting article concerning the naming of the town. It was published several years ago in the Arcanum Enterprise and was written at the request of Mrs. Jennie Lee (nee Francis). We quote from it as follows: At the suggestion of my esteemed friend, Col. William Armstrong, or rather his order; either form giving

ARCANUM LOCKERS, INC.

HIGHEST QUALITY FROZEN FOODS

Let us do your processing of meats and vegetables.

LOCKER SUPPLIES SOLD HERE.

PHONE 61

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15 YEARS OLD

On June 1, 1935 I started this store with a handful of merchandise. The going was tough as you well know but by offering you

Good Merchandise at the Right Price

the store grew and grew until today I have a complete stock of general hardware, paints, household items, sporting goods, electrical supplies, dishes, pottery and gift items.

Many Thanks To My Customers and Friends

Some time in the near future I hope to make this store one of the most modern in this trading area, hoping that I can offer you a still larger selection of good merchandise at my usual low prices.

FRED P. HARRIS

Arcanum Ohio

BROWN'S SERVICE STORE

HOME AND AUTO SUPPLIES

Television

TIRES AND TUBES

ARCANUM PHONE 34M

me pleasure to respond, I pull from memory's budget a few straws relating to Arcanum, Darke County, one of Ohio's most thrifty rural towns.

In the fall of 1846 a railroad was being located from Dayton to Richmond. Fourteen miles west of Dayton an angle was made to Greenville, twenty two miles. The road was then known as the Greenville and Miami road.

Hiram Bell was president, afterward a member of Congress. When the line was located, it was all woods where the town of Dodson now is and there were no towns between Dodson and Greenville. The railroad line was chiefly in the woods excepting, now and then a small clearing.

In the fall of 1848 the writer and David Comly, son of Richard Comly, one of the owners of the Dayton Journal, were students of practical civil engineering under the tutorship of Phineas Pomeroy then chief engineer on the road.

We were assigned to take test levels and cross sctions from Dodson to Greenville, in the discharge of this duty we reached the tasty, comfortable log house with three rooms and an upstairs reached by a ladder. It was the home of John Gunder, carved out of the wilderness embracing forty acres of cleared land on which the house stood.

The day was one of chill November blasts of which poets sing, it had rained and frozen just enough to provoke saints and more especially searchers after the science of engineering. It was four o'clock that day and we were just beyond Mr. Gunder's house in the woods, it was so foggy that we could not take accurate observations with the level, so Dave said, "Charley let us quit, I am cold

BRANDENBURG & CLINE

DRUGGISTS

"The Rexall Store"

L. S. Brandenburg **Fred Cline**

Since 1930

Our store on opening day, February 21, 1948

A century of living has gone into making Arcanum the community it is today. We are proud to have had a small part in its progress and growth.

Crouse's Men's and Boys' Store.

PHONE ARCANUM 232M

A HEAP OF LIVING

has gone into the one hundred years of progress made here in our fine community.

BREAKFAST—LUNCHES—DINNERS

Short Orders—Complete Fountain Service

OPEN FROM 5 A.M. TO 2 A.M.

Kincaid's Restaurant

ARCANUM, OHIO

and hungry, let's go to Mr. Gunder's and stay all night".

Two hungry engineers met a hearty welcome there and were treated royally by Mrs. Gunder and her two daughters, and the sumptuous meal was done ample justice. As night fell Mr. Gunder came in from the woods and during the evening chat said, "boys, tomorrow will be drizzling and frozen and sloppy all the way to Greenville, and you might as well stay here and lay off a town plat for me."

"Morning came and being unpropitious, we remained and surveyed and mapped out a town plat and made a neat map and pinned it on a log. When Gunder came, he looked at it and was well pleased. The following coloquy occurred: "Now Gunder what name will you have for your town?, 'Gunderville?' 'No! No! Ohio has too many villes, now you boys select a name and have one that is not on the map of the globe. Have it ready for me when I come from work, as I am going to Greenville tomorrow and will have it recorded."

We worried and stewed and fretted to get a name that we thought would please him. At last in view of the murky, damp, sullen, hazy afternoon that hung in the clouds of chunky dankness, a remark was made that there must be a word somewhere that fit the place and its surroundings to a gnats heel;, it is dark, it is gloomy, it is dismal, how would Arcanum do?"

It was printed in India ink on the map. Mr. Gunder came in just about as we were ready to eat supper. He observed the name and expressed great satisfaction. Sure enough he went to Greenville and had his map recorded. The clerk in the recorder's office told him the engineers were making fun of him in naming the town, "How?",

Jesse A. Troutwine

Insurance

ACCIDENT & HEALTH

HOSPITALIZATION

POLIO

BANK BLDG. PHONE 4

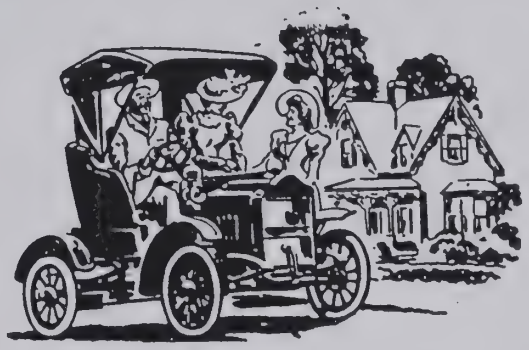
Roma's Beauty Parlor

If your hair isn't becoming to you,

you should be coming to us.

BANK BLDG. PHONE 4

Bailey Motors



DODGE—PLYMOUTH
CARS AND TRUCKS
Sales—Parts—Service

PHONE 213-M ARCANUM, OHIO

WE HAVE BEEN SERVING THIS COMMUNITY WITH GAS SINCE 1913.

Endeavoring always to render the best service at the lowest possible cost.

AMZI DULL & SON

ARCANUM, OHIO

SMITTY'S

GOOD EATS—HOME COOKING
HOME BAKED PIES

2 S. MAIN ST. ARCANUM, OHIO

"Why, do you know the name means secret hidden?", 'I don't care what it means, is there a town in the world by that name?" "No", said the recorder. 'Then people who live there will have no trouble getting their mail', said Gunder, 'and it is in harmony with surroundings,' and this is the way Arcanum, now one of the prettiest, busy towns of Ohio got its name and no town in the state is in advance of it in enterprise, intelligence and prosperity." Signed C. C. Pomeroy, Civil Engineer.

How much credit can be given to the above account of how Arcanum was named is not known, but in view of the fact that there are several tales related, that sound very much like that one, we can do no better, perhaps than to accept this version.

A. J. DOHNER
Insurance
LIFE—AUTO—FIRE—CASUALTY
"15 Years In Business"
203 West North Street
ARCANUM, OHIO

COMPLIMENTS OF
Miami Valley
Tobacco Company
HOWARD J. GREEN
ARCANUM, OHIO

FOR MORE THAN 97 YEARS WE HAVE SERVED THE FARMERS OF THIS COMMUNITY, HELPING TO MAKE OUR COUNTY THE AGRICULTURAL HEART OF THE STATE OF OHIO.

THE NAME

PURINA

AND PURINA PRODUCTS ARE PROUD OF THE RECORD THEY HAVE HAD A PART IN ESTABLISHING.

John Smith Grain Co.

GRAIN—FEEDS—SEEDS

"GRINDING AND MIXING OUR SPECIALTY"

ARCANUM, OHIO

This is a picture of the huge hammer which was burned during "Booster Day" September 10, 1912. The burning of the hammer symbolized the removing of all contention between merchants of the community. Booster Day stands out as one of the biggest days in Arcanum's history.

HUSTON'S ICE CREAM

AND

RESTAURANT

ARCANUM, OHIO

Northwest Radio & Appliance Service

Your Radio-Television Service Headquarters

Any Make or Model—Pick-Up and Delivery

408 W. NORTH ARCANUM PH. 264W

One of Arcanum's Newer Industries — Built in 1941

Processing Peeled Tomatoes and Tomato Products

ELMAY BRAND TOMATOES

SCHMITT CANNING CO., Inc.

Elmer Schmitt, President Warren Schmitt, Vice President

Mabel Schmitt, Secretary-Treasurer

QUALITY CHICKS AND FEEDS

Pleasing You Pleases Us—You Are Assured The Best When You Deal With Us!

ARCANUM HATCHERY

VERNIE BROWN

200 W. Second Street Arcanum 212R

Street Scene, Arcanum 1907

The above was taken from a picture post card and as near as can be determined the photo was taken in about the year 1907.

HIGHEST QUALITY

DAIRY MAID

Dairy Products

RALPH B. STUTZ

Phone 26 Arcanum

FOR BEST BY TEST PROTECTION
BUY FROM

R. J. WARNER
Insurance Service

A Policy for Every Risk

315 North Main St. Phone 23 Arcanum, Ohio

We issue our policies in companies that offer only the broadest protection you can buy in insurance.

Do Not Be Misled by Limited Form Policies

WE TAKE A MEASURE OF PRIDE IN THE BUILDING OF THE ARCANUM COMMUNITY. PROGRESS AND GROWTH GO HAND IN HAND WITH THE EXPANSION PROGRAM OF ANY WIDE AWAKE PEOPLE.

ARGO & GRAY
CONTRACTORS

PHIL ARGO
W. Manchester 262-5
Arcanum R. R. 3

ARLEY GRAY
Arcanum 71
503 W. South St.

ROGERS HARDWARE

WALTER F. ROGERS, Prop.

ARCANUM, OHIO

In August, 1940, we purchased the Quality Hardware from the estate of Harry Wills.

Wills started the Quality Hardware in the IOOF building where the Stutz and Sando furniture store is now located. In 1932 he moved to the corner of George and High Streets, his father having bought the building there.

We renamed the store "Rogers Hardware" and continued in a full line of small hardware and tinning.

In 1945 we purchased the building and established a full line of home appliances including Philco products. Plumbing was also added at this time and includes the selling and installing of Standard, Briggs and Kohler fixtures as well as all plumbing for the home.

In January, 1947, Carl Brandon of Greenville, was employed to do the small hardware buying for the store and run the store and price the merchandise in my absence.

The Tinning shop is located in the rear of the hardware store and employs from 2 to three men depending on the season of the year.

SEE US FOR

GENERAL HARDWARE

HOME APPLIANCES

TINNING AND PLUMBING

NOT QUITE 100 YEARS OLD

The W. F. Rosser Company—1910
Shown in the picture are Carl Rosser, Manager, and Harry Baker and Harrison Bruner.

BUT THE COMPANY—FRANCIS AND ROSSER—was organized in 1880 by W. H. Francis and W. F. Rosser.

The present organization is composed of
HAROLD ROSSER, President
JAMES WELLS, Manager

Ralph Shively
Willard Gearhart
Madonna Allmann
Betty Eikenberry
Walter Swinger
Robert Fourman
Herschel Bunger
Ray Moyer
John Lauver
Cleo Edwards

WE COMPLIMENT ARCANUM ON THIS OCCASION OF ITS 100TH YEAR OF PROGRESS.

The W. F. Rosser Lumber Co.

This is another old street scene of Arcanum in days gone by. In the foreground is the Arcanum House, which stood at the north-east corner of South and High streets. The street is South Street looking east and the photo was taken from a point in front of the City Building.

Your Favorite Variety Store

WARREN'S STORE, INC.

Candies—Cosmetics—Dry Goods—Notions

ARCANUM, OHIO PHONE 158W

THE ARCANUM ELEVATOR

PHONE 201

Pillsbury Feeds

Grain, Fertilizer, Seed and Coal

THE ARCANUM

ALUMINUM FOUNDRY

205-207 S. WALNUT ST.
ARCANUM, OHIO

Established 1946

We are glad that we located in Arcanum and that we have been privileged to have some small part in the industrial and business life of this fine community.

Our High Grade

ALUMINUM CASTINGS

have gone into many states of the Union and the continued growth of our firm is a testimony to the high quality of our work and to the community in which we live and work.

We congratulate Arcanum on its 100th birthday and

We Pledge

our best efforts to assist in the future development of the community, by rendering a better service to our customers, whether they be here or in some distant state.

The Arcanum Aluminum Foundry

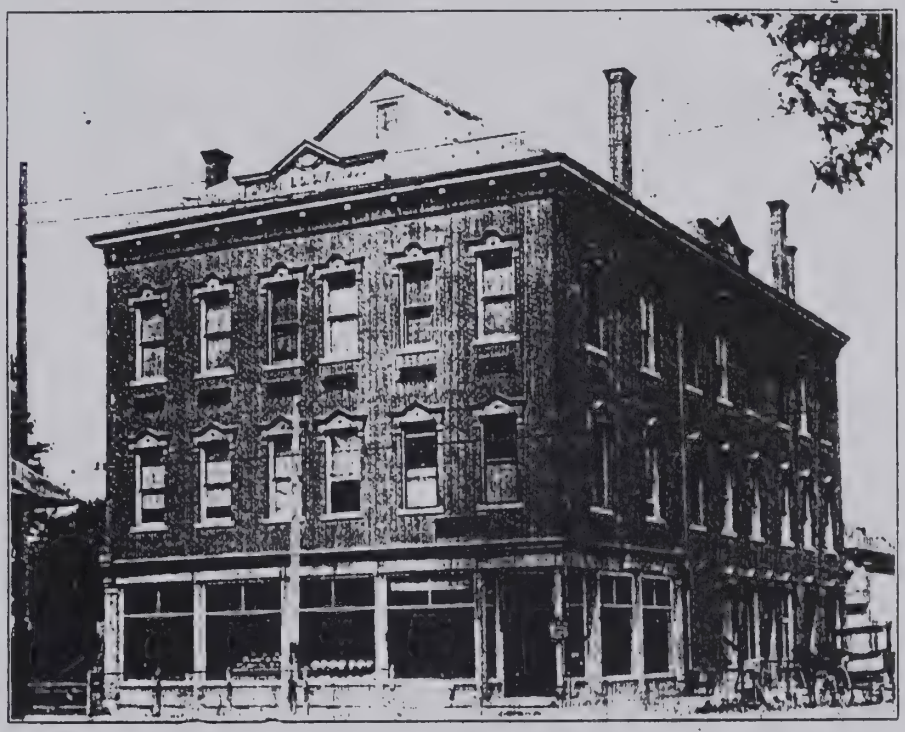
—OWNERS—

Ernest Fisher Carl Trentine Dwight Fisher

Arcanum, Ohio

THE HOME OF

STUTZ & SANDO FURNITURE STORE



WE HAVE BEEN FURNISHING ARCANUM
AND THIS COMMUNITY

FOR OVER 30 YEARS

WITH GOOD QUALITY

FURNITURE, RUGS, LINOLEUM AND APPLIANCES

at prices that are right!

You are all welcome to pay us a visit.

ROLLAND KARNS

ARCANUM MANAGER OHIO

IN CHOOSING A LOCATION FOR AN INDUSTRY MANY THINGS ARE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION.

THE PROGRESS OF THE COMMUNITY.
IT'S PAST AND PRESENT GROWTH.
TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES.
EMPLOYMENT.

WE CHOSE ARCANUM

because it measured up to our needs.

EQUIPMENT AND SUPPLIES
for
INDOOR AND OUTDOOR CONCESSIONS

BLEVINS "BEE HIVE" POPCORN
"Best by popping test"

BLEVINS POPCORN CO.

ARCANUM, OHIO

Main Plant at Nashville, Tenn.

PROGRAM—SUNDAY, JULY 2, 1950

All churches of the community will have programs geared to interest those who are returning to their home-town for the Centennial.

Barbecue stand, refreshment stands, etc. will be ready for serving by noon for those who want to eat their lunch in beautiful Ivester Park.

The Treaty City Band under the direction of William Kuntz will present a concert beginning at 2:30 in the afternoon.

There will be plenty of eats available for those who want to remain in the park for the evening program.

Union Church services with all the churches in Arcanum and surrounding area combining. Rev. Harvey Hahn, Dayton, who is well-known here will give the address. Music will be by combined choirs of the Arcanum churches with musical numbers by individuals and groups.

Arcanum's Oldest HARDWARE STORE

1898 — 1950

THERE HAS BEEN A HARDWARE STORE IN THE PRESENT LOCATION FROM 1898 TO THE PRESENT TIME. A PERIOD OF 52 YEARS.

The former owners were Spitler & Cloppert, Olwine & Tullis, Tullis & Moore, Tullis & Anderson, Houk & Miller—27 years, and the present owner, Roy Bromagem. who has been here three years.

We have a complete line of General Hardware, Electrical Supplies, Dean & Barry Paints, Hotpoint Appliances, Myers Water Systems, Keen-Kutter Tools.

ARCANUM HARDWARE CO.

YOUR PATRONAGE APPRECIATED

The Arcanum Funeral Home—Ward H. Stutz in charge
Harold B. Kreitzer, Assistant

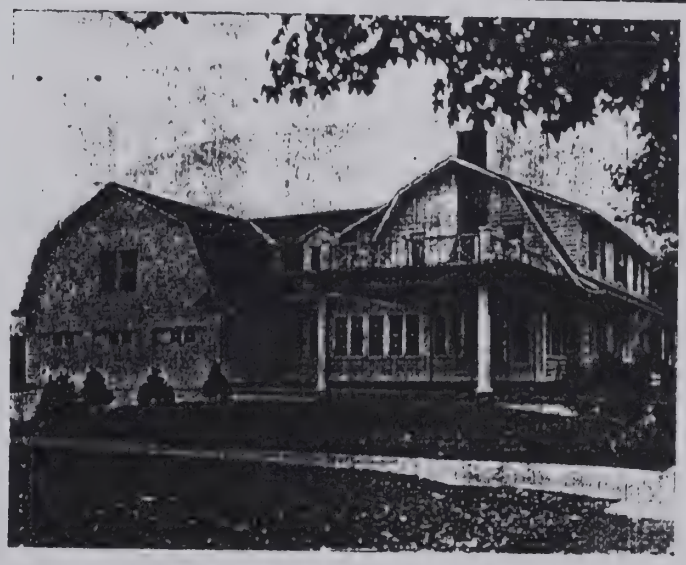
STUTZ AND SANDO

FUNERAL DIRECTORS

AMBULANCE SERVICE — DAY AND NIGHT

Serving Arcanum and Southern Darke County for more than a quarter of a century.

Arcanum 22W — **Phones** — **New Madison 16**



New Madison Funeral Home—Edmond C. Storch in charge
Harold B. Kreitzer, Assistant

DEARING PRODUCTS, Inc.

109 W. NORTH STREET

ARCANUM, OHIO

Manufacturers of

PUFFED CORNMEAL

"Streamlets"

After being fried in vegetable oil and sprayed with cheese and salt, are a very tasty snack,

AND ARE KNOWN ON THE COUNTER AS

CHEEZIES, CORN CRAX AND CORN TWIS-TEES

GRADE "A" DAIRY PRODUCTS

RALPH WRIGHT, Distributor PHONE 251

MILK—BUTTER—COTTAGE CHEESE

ORANGE—CHOCOLATE

CREAM

(CEREAL, COFFEE AND WHIPPING)

Clark's Roofing Service

GALVANIZED AND ASPHALT ROOFING

SPOUTING SIDING

Timken Oil Burners

Arcanum, Ohio

Arcanum's Old Light Plant

The above is a picture of the Arcanum power plant before undergoing extensive repairs and remodeling some years ago. Since this picture was taken much new, modern machinery has been added to make the system one of the finest of its class in the country. Arcanum is proud of its light and water plant.

ELECTRICITY

HAS HAD A PROMINENT PART IN

THE PROGRESS OF OUR COMMUNITY.

CALL US WHEN YOU ARE IN NEED OF

ELECTRIC WIRING AND MAINTENANCE.

Brown Electric Service

107 E. GEORGE ST. ARCANUM 83

We at Troutwine Auto Service are proud to have had a small part in the growth and progress of Arcanum.

Since 1927 Troutwine Auto Service has been the local authorized dealer for General Motors Products.

● CHEVROLET ● BUICK ● PONTIAC

Sales and Service

Our wish is that we may see our fine community continue to grow.

Deo Troutwine	Glen Hemmerich	Benny Metzger
Web Troutwine	Lloyd Hunt	Roy H. Metzger
Earl Weisenbarger	Kenneth Kayler	Roy J. Metzger
Jay Clark	James Lephart	Robert Miller
Ralph Eubank	Johnny Lephart	Merlin Oda
Delmar Hall		Russell Schell

TROUTWINE
AUTO SERVICE

ARCANUM, OHIO

Program—Monday, July 3rd

$15.00 Cash for each acceptable exhibit by the 4-H Clubs; Vocational Agriculture Departments and Home Economics Departments within the Arcanum, Pitsburg and Franklin school districts.

9:00 a.m.	Judging agriculture exhibits (4-H Clubs; Vo. Agr.; Home Economics; Grange; Boy Scouts)	
10:00 a.m.	Judging of pony and riders (children up to 14 yrs. of age inclusive)	$3—$2—$1
10:15 a.m.	Judging ponies harnessed and hitched	$3—$2—$1
10:30 a.m.	Judging of Western horses	$3—$2—$1
11:00 a.m.	Judging of the Flower Show (open to the public)	$3—$2—$1
11:15 a.m.	Contests for Farmers: Nail Driving for Women, Hog Calling for Women, Hog Calling for Men, Sack Race, Potato Peeling. (Other contests to be added)	
12:00 noon	Tug-O-War—Merchants vs. Farmers	

INTERMISSION—LUNCH HOUR

1:00 p.m.	Pet, Vehicle and Agriculture Parade (including horses, tractors, ponies, etc.)	
2:00 p.m.	Tractor pulling contest Small Tractor—Row Crop Medium Size Tractor—Row Crop Large Size Tractor (Tractors will be classed on day of contest by committee of local implement dealers)	
5:00 p.m.	Pony Race	$3—$2—$1

EVENING INTERMISSION

7:30 p.m.	Miniature Rodeo of horses and riders	
	1. Relay	$3—$2—$1
	2. Balloon Bursting Contest	$3—$2—$1
	3. Scoop Shovel Race with horses and riders	$3—$2—$1
	4. Rescue Race	$3—$2—$1
	5. Egg Carrying Contest	$3—$2—$1
	6. Cigarette Rolling Contest	$3—$2—$1
	7. Contest: (a) mount saddle, (b) ride, (c) unmount saddle	
	8. High Jumping	$3—$2—$1
	9. Trick Horse	$3—$2—$1
	Other classes and prizes may be added	
	Drill—Wayne Trail Grange	
	Crowning of Centennial Queen by Guy D. Hawley, State Representative	

Congratulations

Arcanum

ON YOUR

CENTENNIAL

VIRGIL A. ROYER

"The Potato Man"

Full line of Potato Equipment,

Fertilizer and Seed Potatoes.

RURAL ROUTE 2, ARCANUM

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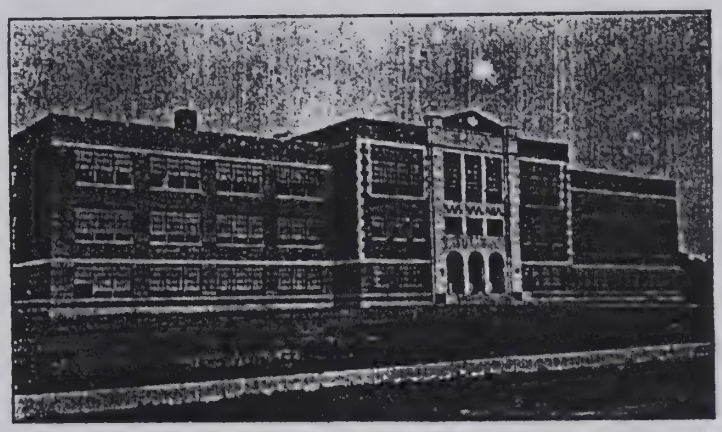
"KEEP SMILING"

Arcanum's School Building



This is a picture of our school building. It has served as an educational institution for thousands of Arcanians. At the publication of this book plans have been proposed that would make this building an elementary school with the high school occupying a building to be built to serve a consolidated district comprising Twin, Van Buren, Franklin and Monroe townships.

IT'S SO EASY TO LOOK

WELL GROOMED

KINCAID KLEENERS

PHONE 104

PLUMBING

--and--

Modern Conveniences

WERE LITTLE KNOWN WHEN ARCANUM WAS IN ITS INFANCY. BUT, AS TIME PASSED MORE AND MORE OF THE BETTER THINGS WHICH GO TOWARD MAKING A MORE HEALTHFUL AND PLEASANT WAY OF LIFE WERE AVAILABLE FOR THE FOLKS OF OUR COMMUNITY.

TODAY THE MOST MODERN HEATING, PLUMBING AND WATER SYSTEMS, INSTALLED BY GOWER & RHODES, CAN BE FOUND THROUGHOUT THE AREA.

As time passes and more advanced home and building improvements become available we shall be ready to serve your needs.

Gower & Rhodes

PLUMBING & HEATING

ADRIAN GOWER RAYMOND BAKER

ARCANUM, OHIO

PHONE 239

This is a picture taken prior to 1889 in front of the John Smith Co., Arcanum's oldest business.

Back row, left to right: Sylvan Smith, Joe Snyder, John Smith—founder of the store, Web Thompson, M. M. Smith, L. H. Smith; First row, left to right: Sam Erisman, Mrs. Della V. Smith, Maggie Gunder, Grace Smith, Ida Fulton, Mrs. King.

FOR COOL, REFRESHING DRINKS

IN CLEAN, PLEASANT SURROUNDINGS

STOP AT

Skagg's Tavern

The Coldest Beer in Town

Soft Drinks — Sandwiches — Soups

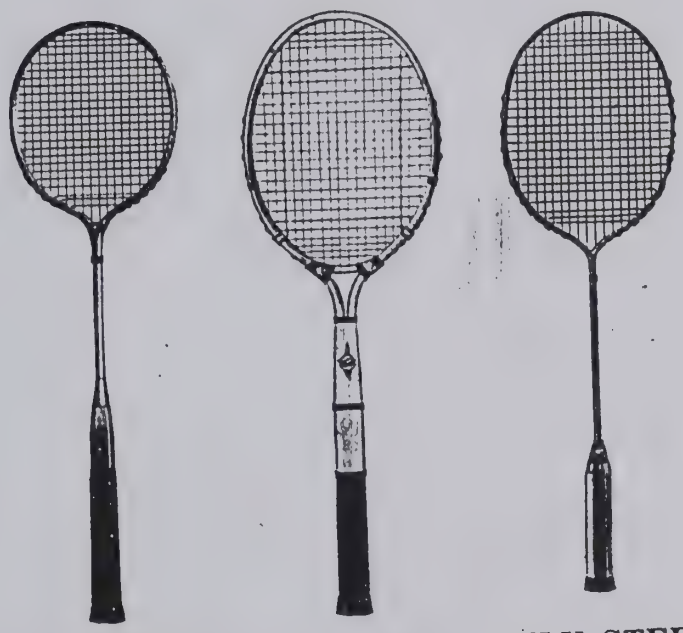
15 N. HIGH STREET

THE NAME

"Dayton Racquet"

is known around the world.

OUR PLANT HAS BEEN LOCATED
IN ARCANUM SINCE 1934.



WE MANUFACTURE THE ONLY STEEL
RACQUET FOR
TENNIS—BADMINTON
SQUASH—PADDLE TENNIS

Dayton Racquet Co.

ARCANUM, OHIO

THE BIG FOURTH OF JULY PROGRAM

The committee in charge have attempted to make the Fourth of July Program a fitting climax to Arcanum's Centennial Celebration. There will be something doing all day. The refreshment stands will be open at all times and visitors can get good, nourishing food prepared with the idea of adding to your enjoyment rather than to the making of a profit.

Tuesday, July 4th

10:00 A. M.

The Arcanum Lions Club will be in charge of a program of contests for young and old.

No entry charge—generous prizes.

Barbecue stand, soft drink and souvenir stands open all day and night.

Parade of Floats, old vehicles, people in old costumes, school bands.

High School Band Contest.

Demonstration of Fire Equipment, old and new, by Arcanum Fire Company.

Balloon Ascension and Parachute Leap.

8:00 P. M.—Soft Ball Game between Sutton's and Baker's.

GIGANTIC DISPLAY OF FIREWORKS

GOOD NIGHT!

Thanks for helping us celebrate our Centennial! We hope you have had a good time and that you will visit Arcanum regularly in the days to come!

DONALD L. BREHM, Jeweler

Graduate of Arcanum High School, 1949. Attended the Foegler Institute of Watchmaking, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Watches and jewelry repaired and tested with the latest scientific equipment.

Temporarily located in Furlong's Shoe Store—3 W. George St.

COMPLIMENTS OF

SUTTON'S STORE

Your Thrift "E" Market

ARCANUM, OHIO

Jane's Dress Shop

HEADQUARTERS FOR YOUR

WEARING APPAREL

TIMES BUILDING, ARCANUM, OHIO

PHONE 160-M

SINCE 1933

Furlong's Shoe Service

BUY YOUR SHOES FROM YOUR SHOE MAN!

QUALITY SHOE REPAIRING AND SHOES FOR MEN AND CHILDREN.

3 West George St. Arcanum, Ohio

This picture was taken during the Arcanum Chautauqua on the occasion of the visit of William Jennings Bryan to our town. Shown in the picture are: Left to right: Fred Lampe (deceased), William Jennings Bryan (deceased), Dr. H. A. Lightner, George Niswonger (deceased), John A. Smith, and R. B. Harris. Ed Freese took the picture.

KENNETH FOURMAN

Dirt and Gravel Hauling

CEMENT CONTRACTING
AND
CARPENTER WORK

R. R. No. 1 Arcanum, Ohio

ARCANUM
SUNOCO SERVICE STATION

W. R. Fledderjohn, Prop.

BATTERIES, KELLY TIRES, ACCESSORIES

Phone 209

THE PROFESSIONAL MEN OF ARCANUM

OFFER

Congratulations and Best Wishes

TO OUR TOWN

ON REACHING ITS

CENTENNIAL

P. G. LENHERT, M. D.
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Ben Fulton's Band

This is Fulton's Concert Band which built up quite a reputation in Arcanum in days past. Pictured, left to right are:

1st Row—Robert Phillips, Tom Browder, Dewitt Weisenbarger, Ralph Sarver, Raymond Cromwell, Lowell Baker, Willard Burke, Guy Moore.

2nd Row—Ross Johnson, Berman Harleman, Bernard Simpson, Waldo Bliss, Homer Brehm, Mr. Ben Fulton, Oliver Shilt, Ross Albright, John Lacy, Bob Jones.

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Booster Day Committee, Sept. 10, 1912

This is the group who handled all the details of the Booster Day program in Arcanum September 10, 1912. This was one of the biggest days in Arcanum's history.

1st Row—Cletus Weisenberger, President; Jake Zipperlin, Vice-President; Russell Harris, Secretary; Scott Taylor, Treasurer.

2nd Row—Charles Smith, Jesse Miller, Chester Mundhenk.

3rd Row—Charles Mussen, Ira May, Ora Gassell.

Paul Mellinger took this picture.

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This is a picture taken at the corner of George and Main streets, Arcanum. The Federal Savings & Loan Co. building now occupies this spot. The blacksmith shop was owned and operated by Jerome Bonaparte Delavan. The building to the left is the jewelry store of Richard Chancellor and next to that was the office of Dr. Ed Snyder. Around the corner on the right of the picture is the photographic studio of W. J. Edwards.

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1950 marks 49 years of service that this company has rendered to the community, having started in June 1901. Previous to that time the Bell Telephone Company had built a line through Arcanum and installed a small switchboard in the Johnson and Hamiel Drug Store where the Brandenburg and Cline Drug Store is now located. It was a very small switchboard with but three plugs. Bertha Minnich and Hallie Cloyd were the first operators. There was a pay station which served the entire community and long distance calls could be made to Dayton, Cincinnati and Columbus.

Due to the growth and progress of the town, the people decided they could have an exchange here. The following article appeared in the first edition of the Arcanum Times, dated April 20, 1899.

"Our telephone "is up" awaiting an exchange, which, it seems, should be established in the town. A number of our business men would put in instruments if the opportunity were offered and we see no reason why Arcanum should not have a fully equipped exchange in the near future". With the aid of Mr. George Whitely, then manager of the Greenville Home Telephone Company, a meeting was held and plans were made to open an office on the corner of George and High streets in a room over the restaurant then operated by "Rosa" Clark. Mr. Ed McCue was the local manager and the first three operators to be employed were Catherine Rooks, Goldie Siler and Roma Hapner. There were 65 subscribers.

The demand for more telephones made it necessary to move to larger quarters. The company secured a room above what at that time was the Farmers National Bank, on the corner of High and George streets. The list of subscribers grew rapidly and many lines were built to the rural areas.

In 1931 the exchange, all the lines and equipment were taken over and merged with the Ohio Telephone Service Company. In a short time it was found necessary to have a new and up to date switchboard and they also wanted to be located on the ground floor. The company secured the room of the Arcanum National Bank, the present site of the exchange, and in 1935 a new modern office with all new equipment was opened.

The quota of telephones having been reached, it was necessary to have two operators on duty at the same time to handle the calls during the busy hours of the day and evening from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. supervised by the chief operator, Olive Robbins.

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